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I would benefit immediately from the scheme outlined under this notice, and I will go on record an OPPOSED to every aspect of this concept as suggested by K8AD.

The purpose of amateur radio is to provide a pool of persons proficient both technically and operationally in the time of national need. The original concept of the licensing structure is to provide goals or stepping stones for achievement through learning that reward the individual with higher privileges. Maintaining the current system would give a high degree of assurance that technical standards were being maintained in the amateur ranks.

There has been a call by national figures suggesting that Amateur Radio is this country's secret weapon. The country needs the best there is and amateur radio should offer its best. We cannot offer our best by continually permitting the 'dumbing down' of the service as was done in the '90s with the 'no-code' fiasco or would be done in this case by upgrading those who have not demonstrated any increased technical proficiency.

The proposal has no merit and should be rejected.